

## ABSTRACT

This report documents the results of a Phase I level archaeological investigation of six locations along Naaman's Road from Grubb Road to Clearview Avenue, New Castle County. This work, performed for the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), involved background research, field investigation, laboratory analysis, and report preparation. The field investigation component of this work consisted primarily of the excavation of 101 shovel tests in six separate proposed stockpile and drainage locations. Background research and archaeological field investigations produced no evidence of significant archaeological resources in locations 2, 4 & 5 and location 3 was inaccessible during the time of the field investigations. Location 1 produced a moderate amount of historic artifacts. These are possibly associated with a 19th-century domestic structure, located immediately to the west or south of the right of way. Additionally in Location 6, field investigations discovered a stone-lined well and an old driveway/access lane about 75 feet south of station 104+20. No structures are shown in these exact locations on the mid- to late 19th-century historic maps of the area. The hypothesized structures may be small tenant houses not depicted on the maps, or may be structures depicted inaccurately at other locations.

It is recommended that Phase II level investigations be conducted in Locations 1 and 6 to clarify the extent, character and significance of the archaeological resources identified at those locations. These investigations should include selective research into deeds and other primary archival materials as well as oral historical research. No further investigations of locations 2, 4 and 5 are considered necessary in connection with the proposed project actions.